

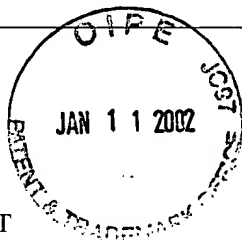
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In re Application of: Rice et al.
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Filed: May 23, 2000
For: HCV VARIANTS



Examiner: B. Brumback

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDED FEE |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------|--------------|
| TOTAL | 42 | 85 | 0 | \$18.00 | \$.00 |
| INDEP. | 1 | 3 | 0 | \$84.00 | \$.00 |
| TOTAL FEES FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS | | | | | \$.00 |

A petition for a month extension of time is enclosed.

X If an extension or an additional extension of time is required, but is not enclosed, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and charge Deposit Account 18-1829 accordingly.

A check in the amount of is attached.

X No additional fee is required.

X Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 18-1829. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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